BRIDGEPORT — In order to meet the growing need for ongoing education for registered nurses in the region St. Vincent’s College has launched a new online Bachelor of Science Nursing program.

The announcement was made by Dr. Martha K. Shouldis, President/CEO of St. Vincent’s College, who said that planning for the new degree began in the Fall of 2008 in response to requests by many nurses who presently have an associate degree or diploma and who wish to continue their educations and earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

“Our new bachelor degree completion program addresses a significant unmet need in the region and creates a new opportunity for registered nurses who wish to continue their educations in nursing,” she said.

The decision to launch the program was motivated by the knowledge that several hundred men and women graduate from two-year degree and diploma programs each year in the state of Connecticut and that many of these new graduates have stated their interest in continuing their educations.

The program is designed to support the goal of the American Nurses Association to have all nurses now working obtain bachelors in science degrees within ten years of RN licensure. National studies have shown that ongoing education leads to better patient outcomes and increases a nurse’s flexibility and marketability in the workplace.

A broad base of science, technology, humanities and advanced nursing coursework “will enhance the nurse’s ability to work with complex problems in the delivery of safe, efficient and effective care. It will prepare nurses to function in a variety of healthcare settings across the lifespan,” Sharon Makowski, DNP said.

Dr. Susan Capasso, Ed.D., Dean of Academic Services at St. Vincent’s College, said two classes per year, one in January and another in September, will be admitted annually. The program will be offered primarily online with each class of students (cohort) advancing through the sequence together providing the opportunity for students to support one another and learn from each others’ experiences. The College will also host an on-campus orientation prior to the start of each cohort to foster this spirit of support and learning.

The decision to offer the program in an online format was based on reports from similar programs across the nation that this format expedites completion of the program and improves the retention rate.

In addition to the online courses, each student will be required to complete practica in physical assessment, leadership, management, and community nursing.

Students can transfer existing college credits in General Education and Nursing toward the estimated 125-127 credits needed to complete the program. To learn more about the RN to BSN program or to view a schedule of upcoming informational sessions please visit us online: www.stvincentscollege.edu or call us at 800-873-1013.

FIRST RN TO BSN COHORT—St. Vincent’s College celebrated its newest degree program the RN to BSN completion, recently with a kickoff reception at the Hawley Conference Center for the students, faculty, staff and friends of the College.
A letter from Dr. Shouldis

For those of us at St. Vincent’s College 2010 was another successful year as measured by the many accomplishments designed to improve service to our students. We started the year with the addition of the new Nancy Clancy Nursing Skills Laboratory in the Elizabeth M. Pfreim/SWIM Center for Cancer Care; space was reassigned to provide more classroom and laboratory space for the Radiography program and study and gathering spaces for all students was expanded. A record number of 88 graduates received degrees this year and in the fall we experienced record enrollments with 585 students taking credit classes with another 82 students enrolled in non-credit bearing continuing education programs and classes. As reported in the feature story, the approval of a new online RN-BSN degree completion program with an inaugural class of 26 students who began their program of study in January 2011 is the first step to adding new degree programs to the curriculum.

But there is much more to be done. The enrollment growth experienced over the last two years has put significant strain on our facilities, so this past spring a planning team was named and charged with developing a campus expansion plan. The team worked over the spring and summer to do the preparations needed for working with the architects, Antinozzi and Associates, to plan for the conversion of space in a current medical office facility that will be retrofitted to house classrooms, laboratories, faculty offices and student study and gathering spaces. At the time of publication of this newsletter, the details of the space have not been finalized but will be shared with you when available.

This is an exciting initiative that will provide space necessary to support degree program and student support services expansion. It is an important part of realizing one of the College’s strategic goals of being a comprehensive Health Sciences and Health Services College focused on delivering entry and advanced level healthcare programs in the fields of nursing and allied health at the certificate, associate, bachelor and master degree levels by 2020.

None of what has been accomplished would have happened without the support of alumni, friends of the College, faculty and staff, and the leadership of St. Vincent’s Health Services, and of course the students who have chosen to attend St. Vincent’s. Thank you to all of you who have helped the College in an array of ways to assist in this journey.

May God continue to bless you and your families in 2011.

Martha K. Shouldis, Ed.D.
President, St. Vincent’s College
New board leadership

Marianne Laska, RN of Milford has been named Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of St. Vincent’s College. She succeeds Sister Marie Burns, D.C., who held the post since 2004 and retired last summer.

“Marianne Laska is an extraordinary person who has served her community as a nurse, volunteer and board member. She is deeply committed to the success of our students and to preparing them for careers in a rapidly changing and demanding healthcare environment,” said Martha K. Shouldis, President/CEO.

Among her many volunteer commitments, Marianne Laska is immediate past president of the Greater Bridgeport Symphony Orchestra. She continues to serve as a member of the board of Housatonic Community College and a volunteer at Mercy Learning Center. She is married to former Connecticut Post publisher and current Hearst newspapers consultant Robert Laska. They are the parents of two grown boys and recently became grandparents for the first time.

Mrs. Laska retired from St. Vincent’s Medical Center in 2000 after working for 30 years as a staff nurse in the medical and surgical units. For the past five years she has served as a volunteer nurse at Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport. She is also one of the founding nurses of the St. Vincent’s Parish Nurse program and she continues to serve as a parish nurse at St. James in Stratford.

A native of Rotterdam, Holland, she earned her nursing degree at Rotterdam Nursing College and attended St. Vincent’s College after emigrating to the U.S. and starting her family.

On giving back...

Marianne Laska likes to think of herself as “a special alumnus” of St. Vincent’s College. The newly named chairperson of the board of trustees took courses at St. Vincent’s as a young mother after emigrating to the U.S. from Holland.

She says she will forever be grateful to St. Vincent’s for the support it gave her while she was taking Nursing courses, learning to speak English, working at the hospital and raising her family.

“I remember what it was like and that gives me an insight into the challenges our students are facing. Everything I do by way of volunteering is my way of giving back,” says Marianne Laska.

Martin Sbriglio, RN has been named Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of St. Vincent’s College. As CEO of Ryder’s Health Management, a 60-year-old, family-owned skilled nursing and rehabilitation business, Sbriglio is responsible for facilities including Lord Chamberlain in Stratford, Cheshire House in Waterbury, Mystic Healthcare in Mystic, Bel-Air Manor in Newington, Aaron Manor in Chester and Greentree Manor in Waterford. The combined facilities contain 630 beds and employ almost 1,000 people.

Sbriglio is a 1977 graduate of St. Vincent’s where he completed requirements for licensure as a registered nurse. He joined the St. Vincent’s College Board in 1997.

In 1982, the Sbriglio family created a full scholarship awarded each year to one qualifying senior nursing student. Over the past 28 years they have given more than $200,000 in scholarships to nursing students.

Mr. Sbriglio and his wife are the parents of three children and reside in Huntington, CT.

Makowski leads BSN Program

Sharon Makowski, DNP was delighted to be asked to lead the new online RN to BSN completion program at St. Vincent’s College, because she understands what it’s like to continue her education while working and raising a family.

Her nursing career was a dream deferred until she graduated from St. Vincent’s College in 1997.

“When I enrolled in St. Vincent’s College, I was returning to something I did not complete as a younger woman,” says Makowski of her high school dream. She was a member of the Future Nurses Club in 1964, but took a detour with a successful career as a paralegal. During that time she kept her love alive by serving as a member of the Bethel Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

She began to study nursing in her late 40’s and has been on a whirlwind of higher learning ever since. After being awarded her Associate Degree at St. Vincent’s, she went on to earn both her Bachelors and Masters degrees at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Makowski said that this innovative online program is an answer to a problem that has held back many nurses who seek to upgrade from an RN to a Bachelors in Nursing. Most are busy at work and simply don’t have the time to continue their education.

“Many are coming in with years of bedside experience and are eager to get the degree. I’m hoping that we have removed the barriers and minimized the challenges through our online approach that reduce the pressure of schedule conflicts and makes the goal easier to accomplish,” she said.
Area women work as Medical Assistants

BRIDGEPORT — You know what, it’s now or never,” Tiffany Bell remembers telling herself when she made the decision to further her education at St. Vincent’s College. “I wanted to do it while my daughter was still young.”

Most of all she wanted to change her life. The thirty-one year old had worked in the banking and retail industries after graduating from Bullard Havens in Bridgeport, but she never felt fulfilled by the jobs.

“I was starting to doubt myself. I’m too young for this. There has to be more than this kind of work. It just can’t be what I’m going to do for the rest of my life,” says Bell, who is now working as a Medical Assistant for Bridgeport Internal Medicine in their Beechmont Avenue office.

Like many others, Tiffany didn’t know what a Medical Assistant did until a friend who worked in a doctor’s office mentioned the Medical Assisting certificate course at St. Vincent’s College. “She kind of pushed me in that direction,” Tiffany says, “and I was curious.”

But Tiffany had her hands full as a new mother and she also had to work herself through a good deal of excuses and hurdles that stood in the way.

“It had been ten years since I got out of high school and I had some apprehension about going back,” she says, noting that she was working during the evening and could only find time to study late into the night. “I was wondering if I could handle it.”

But she soon found an answer in the support she received from the other students. Many were in the same boat, returning to school while trying to juggle families and jobs.

“A lot of the women in my classes were in a similar situation. They had jobs and families at home. But we worked together in study groups and helped each other out,” she says.

Holly Mulrenan, Chair of the Medical Assisting Program at St. Vincent’s College, says Medical Assisting is one of the fastest growing occupations within the healthcare field today. Medical Assistants are in great demand working for physicians and performing a wide range of administrative and clinical duties from scheduling appointments to taking medical histories and recording vital signs.

When most patients see someone in a lab coat, they automatically think nurse or doctor, but Medical Assistants are at work in most medical settings and the practice of medicine could not get along without them.

“As we continue to see the shift to an outpatient environment, we need people who have the knowledge base and skills required to be a Medical Assistant,” says Mulrenan.

Many of the students who enroll in the one-year certificate program are in a situation similar to Tiffany Bell. They’re non-traditional students who want to improve their work situations and lives.

“Our average age is late twenties though we have students in their 40’s and 50’s in the program,” Mulrenan says, adding that they want a more meaningful career and they also “get the education bug” and move on to degree programs after earning their certificates.

Carol Devitto got tired of being “outsourced,” and decided that it was time for a career change.

The 56-year old Stratford resident worked for years as a computer Help Desk Manager, but after the last time she got laid off, she decided it was time to pursue a new career that engaged more of her talent.

“I knew I could beat my head against the wall and I wouldn’t find another job in my field. Medical Assisting looked like a good fit—half clinical and half office management skills, an area where I have a lot of strength.”

The Fairfield University and St. Joseph High School graduate earned a certificate in Medical Assisting from St. Vincent’s College and is excited about a new career in healthcare.

When Charlene Maring of Newtown was in high school, she wanted to be a nurse, “but life led me in other directions,” says the fifty-two year old who recently earned a certificate in Medical Assisting.

One of the “directions” her life has taken is as the mother of triplet sons, now 17 years old. She also worked in retail for years but wanted a change.

“I’m a people person and I thought the medical field would be a good fit. I also wanted some job stability as I prepare to send my sons to college,” she says.

Taking on a year-long academic program while raising three teenage sons was a challenge for Maring, who enrolled in St. Vincent’s College in 2008, but she’s glad she did.

Maring is working as a Medical Assistant in the Phlebotomy Lab at St. Vincent’s Medical Center. She performed her clinical externship in the St. Vincent’s One Stop Lab and the Family Health Center.

Maring, who grew up in Easton, says her boys are proud of her and they are happy to “have her back” after all the hours she spent studying at home.

“It made me feel real good to accomplish this while raising my triplets. I don’t think I could have asked for better instructors.”
Nursing Hero

St. Vincent’s College student Noemie Da Cruz Dos Santos, pictured with Dr. Shouldis, was presented the 2010 Red Cross’ Heroes of Lower Fairfield County Spirit of the Red Cross Award at an event held at the Trumbull Marriott. She was also presented a special recognition certificate by Congressman Jim Himes. The 26-year-old nursing major was honored for her heroics at Seaside Park when she and her lifeguard supervisor saved the lives of swimmers who surely would have drowned on a stormy day when they got caught in a rushing tide.

Noemie was finishing her day as a lifeguard when word came from an ice cream truck driver that fishermen were stranded at the far end of the park. She got in her car, raced to the site and swam 150 yards out to save a 58-year-old man who was in trouble.

She began her studies at St. Vincent’s and anticipates graduating with a degree in Nursing in 2011. She hopes to become a nurse anesthetist and to continue work toward a bachelors and masters degree after she graduates from St. Vincent’s.

Students give back to the community

Radiography Christmas

Students and faculty of St. Vincent’s College visited Lord Chamberlain Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Stratford on December 1st to bring Christmas cheer. Members of the Class of 2012 sang Christmas carols and brought homemade baked goods and gifts to the seniors in residence.

Giving Tree

Janice Faye of Sandy Hook, Director of Administrative Services and Myriam Alvarado of Shelton, Academic Secretary, look over the many gifts placed under the Holiday Giving Tree to benefit the clients of Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport. St. Vincent’s College students, staff and faculty placed more than 100 giving ornaments on the tree, each one representing items to benefit needy families.
The young “medical detectives” had quite a summer—visiting China to study hepatitis, landing in the Congo to investigate Ebola virus and even stopping off in Haiti for a better understanding of public health concerns.

Of course, all of their travels were “viral” as part of the St. Vincent’s College Medical Summer Camp. The program is designed to encourage minority youth to consider health care careers and give them the skills they need to succeed.

About 150 middle school and high school students from the Bridgeport area participated in one of the popular three summer sessions.

Dr. Susan Capasso, Ed.D., dean of academic services, loves working with the kids and seeing how engaged they become in the various learning experiences. Lunch was also an adventure as students sampled foods from the various countries they “visited.”

Launched in 2008, the program has won rave reviews from students and teachers. Due to the large number of students who return to the camp, the program was expanded to include three different groups and two sessions daily throughout July.
Ballas is St. Vincent’s employee of the year

Ann Ballas, RN, CRN, of Shelton, Class of 1981, accepted the award as St. Vincent’s Medical Center 2010 Employee of the Year at the 52nd Annual Employee Recognition Dinner. In her acceptance speech, Ballas said, “I am most proud of the compassion, generosity and support we show each other. I love the people I am with and the work I have the opportunity to do.”

A charge nurse in Radiology, and a 30-year veteran of St. Vincent’s, she received the Pasquariello Award as 2010 Employee of the Year. Ann began her career at St. Vincent’s as a nurse’s aide with the float staff while attending St. Vincent’s School of Nursing, from which she graduated.
Trumbull RN loves his second career

Nursing graduate Norm Weller’s (2010) dreams of a new career were realized over the summer when he started his orientation at the Feroleto Center of St. Vincent’s Special Needs Services, where he works in the residential services program for children with multiple disabilities. Weller’s orientation week at St. Vincent’s Special Needs Services was a particularly good one for him because his first granddaughter, Kaira, was born. Being a father also prepared him to be a better nurse, particularly in his work with the children at the Center who may struggle with many disabilities. In the short time that he has been there, Weller says he has developed a rapport with the children.

“In general being a family man helps in the way you look at people as you provide care. I think, what would I want if these patients were my children or my parent, and I try to give them that or even more than I would expect for myself.” He now looks forward to every day that he works as a Supervisory Charge Nurse at the Center.

Norm has also decided to continue his nursing education by joining the first cohort in the new RN to BSN completion program at the College.

College says “Thank you!” to Auxiliary

The closing of the St. Vincent’s Medical Center Auxiliary at the end of last year, was a bitter sweet moment for many. However, much of the good work of the Auxiliary, including scholarship support for students, will be absorbed by the St. Vincent’s Foundation and continue to benefit the Medical Center and its patients.

As a nurse and last President of St. Vincent’s Medical Center Auxiliary, Pam Conrad knows the importance of the nursing scholarships the Auxiliary has provided to St. Vincent’s College students over the years.

She always enjoyed meeting with Scholarship Committee Chairperson Martha Rogowski, RN to review student applications and help select the four scholarship recipients each year.

“We looked for people with strong academics, need and a history of volunteering or getting involved in their community,” says Conrad, who takes great pride in looking back over the scores of Auxiliary scholarship recipients over the years.

Conrad, a graduate of St. Joseph College, served as a nurse anesthetist for 28 years at St. Vincent’s Medical Center. She knows the value of having qualified, compassionate nurses.

“All of us were very passionate about working on the Scholarship Committee. These are the people who are going to take care of us,” she says, noting that the Auxiliary was proud to invest in the future of healthcare.

“It was good to know that we could help students in need to become nurses. I had a wonderful career as a nurse and enjoyed my career at the Medical Center. My auxiliary service has been an opportunity to give back when I gained so much as a result of working there.”
Appointments

Sharon Q. Beasley (BA, University of Maryland) is the new alumni/development associate. She has an extensive background in marketing, events management and fundraising. Sharon will be responsible for the overall administrative functions of the College’s Development & Alumni Relations Office. She will also be involved in the planning and execution of special events.

Deborah Daly (BA, Herbert H. Lehman College) joined us in May 2010 as an IT Specialist. She spent over 7 years working as an Information Systems Analyst at Texaco Inc. in White Plains, NY. In addition to being an expert on technology she is also an educator at Samuel Staples Elementary School where she is a substitute teacher/paraprofessional for grades K-5.

Joanne Hinesley (BSN, Hartwick College) has been appointed nursing skills lab instructor. She also works in the emergency department in interventional radiology and has been there since 2000. Additionally, she spent over 5 years working with the United Visiting Nurse Association working as a homecare nurse and prior to that was a charge nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford.

Ginny Thompson (MS, University of Michigan; BA Trinity College) has been hired as an instructional designer. She moved to Connecticut from North Carolina last summer where she was a design contractor working on projects for LEARN NC and Laureate Education Inc. Both projects involved revising and co-creating online course content for use at the higher education level. Prior to being a contractor Ginny was the Assistant Professor of Educational Technology at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

New Board Members

Sister Clarisse Correia, D.C. (MS University of Rochester, BS St. Joseph’s College) has joined the board. She is also an active member of the Board of Trustees of Seton Health. Additionally, she served on the board of Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center for several years. Sister Clarisse served on the St. Vincent’s Medical Center Board from 1985-1991. She also has experience as a College President and has been on the board of two Ascension Health affiliated health systems.

Christina Bodine (MBA Sacred Heart University, BS Fairfield University) is the Assistant Vice President of Business Development and Cash Management at Fairfield County Bank and the newest member of the board. She is also current board member and chair of the Young Leader Society of the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County.
1908 graduate’s great granddaughter follows in his footsteps

When 21-year-old Kellie Sullivan of Shelton enrolled in St. Vincent’s College last fall, she didn’t expect to see a photo of her great grandfather on the history wall in the Fortin Student Center.

His name was John S. Lillis and he’s the only man in the historic photo of the first graduating class of St. Vincent’s diploma nursing program. He entered the St. Vincent’s Hospital Training School for Nurses on August 7, 1906 and graduated in September 1908.

She knew that he was a graduate of the school, but he died in 1955, even before Kellie’s mother was born and, as in many families, they had a name and photograph but knew little else about his life.

So, for her to walk in the same school more than 100 years later and enroll in the nursing program was a proud and curious moment for the family.

“It’s kind of weird,” says Kellie. “When I walk in the hallway, his picture is there, and it always makes me want to do well, so he would be proud of me.”

Kellie and her mother, Elise recently visited the Bridgeport Public Library to search for a story that might tell them more about John Lillis’ life. They know he worked as a company nurse at Bridgeport Brass for years, but they are curious about his early life. They found a 1933 article in the Bridgeport Post that mentioned all members of the original class were still alive at that time.

Not many men became nurses in 1908 and it would be years before men would return to nursing schools across the country, making John Lillis a pioneer across the field.

The original nursing school made a transition to St. Vincent’s College in 1991 and now grants degrees in nursing, radiography, medical assisting and general studies. And after years of classes that did not admit men, the College now boasts a growing enrollment of male students who are interested in nursing careers.

If the past has a way of repeating itself, it has happened in the Sullivan family. After a 100-year hiatus, the nurses gene has reasserted itself not only with Kellie, but her 22-year-old brother, Michael, who is completing work on a nursing degree at Western Connecticut State University.

“My mom always told my brother and me to think of working in the medical field,” says Kellie. “She wishes that she had become a nurse.”

Elise Sullivan, Kellie’s mother, agrees. “I should have been a nurse,” she says. “I was a late baby and my parents didn’t really push me. My sister became a nurse in her late 40’s.”

As Kellie finished her first semester at St. Vincent’s College, she’s excited about starting her own career and is very pleased with her choice of school.

“It’s a smaller school and the teachers are always willing to help you out. In fact they really care about you and want you to do well. It’s like family.”

The 2008 graduate of Shelton High School feels that she has really found herself at the College. After working two years as a Certified Nurse’s Aide, she decided that she really liked working with people and was ready to move on with her life.

“I didn’t really like high school,” she says, “but I enjoy every day of this. When you’re motivated you really want to succeed. Now I know what I want to do and I hope to do it well.”

No doubt, John S. Lillis would be proud of his great grandchildren.
With record enrollment and plans for continued growth, St. Vincent’s College has begun its 20th Anniversary celebration, marking the historic 1991 transition from School of Nursing to a degree granting college.

“All of our events this year from Alumni Day to Commencement will take on a special meaning because we have so much to celebrate in the growth of the College, the launching of new programs and reaffirmation of our Catholic identity and Core Values,” said Dr. Martha K. Shouldis, College President/CEO.

Total college enrollment has joined to a historic high of 666 students and the graduating class this May will be one of the largest ever. St. Vincent’s estimates there will be 100 candidates for graduation who will receive degrees in Nursing, Medical Assisting, General Studies and Radiography.

The 2011 Commencement will be a great time to celebrate this growth when Congressman Jim Himes of Greenwich delivers the keynote address. The ceremony is set for May 20 at the Quick Center of Fairfield University.

The enrollment statistics provide more good news not only in the growing diversity of the College, but also because men make up 12 percent of enrollment in nursing and other programs.

“We have a vision for growth and a strategic plan that is serving as a blueprint for change,” said Dr. Shouldis. “So much has been accomplished in the 20 years since St. Vincent’s became a college, and we now have two decades of recent alumni who are beginning to give back and invest in the future of the College.”

St. Vincent’s made the transition from school to college under the leadership of Dr. Anne T. Avallone, the second lay woman to lead the school. In her 25 years of service, St. Vincent’s moved ahead with a 23-month nursing program, the addition of new majors, and a restoration of facilities. In 1993, President Avallone was on hand as Connecticut Governor Lowell T. Weicker issued an act authorizing the granting of degrees by St. Vincent’s.

St. Vincent’s numbers more than 3,600 alumni with a growing number having graduated from the College. Dr. Shouldis says that she hopes many will turn out for 20th anniversary events.

Dr. Shouldis said the 20th Anniversary Celebration is also a time to look back over 100 years to the founding of the original St. Vincent’s Hospital Training School for Nurses in 1905.

“The historic mission of the Daughters of Charity and their commitment to the sick and the poor are still very much alive and vibrant in our future dreams and plans,” Dr. Shouldis said.

All alumni are encouraged to attend 20th Anniversary events, which will be held throughout the year beginning with the Sunday, April 10 Alumni Homecoming Day at Oronoque Country Club in Stratford. A “Knight at the Museum” will be held on April 16 at the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven. For more information, email: alumni@stvincentscollege.edu.
For more than 100 years St. Vincent’s College has adapted its programs to changes in healthcare workforce needs to ensure that graduates were prepared to meet the emerging needs of the healthcare industry.

The St. Vincent’s College community is again challenged to consider what further adaptations need to be made and what role the College can play in preparing future healthcare workers and leaders. The national healthcare cost crisis, the under delivery of healthcare to major segments of the population, the aging workforce, current shortages and predicted future shortages of healthcare workers have all led to this reassessment.

Viewing need also as opportunity, St. Vincent’s is planning a project that will address the education of nurses and other healthcare professionals of the community for generations to come.

- Enhancement of the College’s Hunting Street building.
- Expansion of facilities.
- Generation of additional scholarship support for the growing population and educational programming are key tactics of the College’s strategic plan.
- Ensure a student-focused learning environment with state-of-the-art technology and a more collegiate campus facility.

Consistent with the legendary commitment of the Daughters of Charity, St. Vincent’s College has always responded to the shifting and emerging needs of the community. During the next few months, you will learn more about our plans for change and growth and we hope that you will participate in the many upcoming opportunities to support the College.